

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

SHIFF et al.

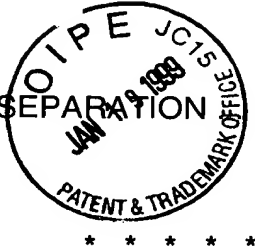
Group Art Unit: 2855

Appln. No.: 09/006,999

Examiner: Tran

Filed: January 14, 1998

Title: APPARATUS FOR THE SEPARATION



January 19, 1999

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued October 16, 1998, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. Reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure because of the spelling of "oocysts". Applicants submit that the term "oocysts" is spelled correctly. An oocyst is a sporozoan zygote undergoing sporogenous development. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims 1, 3-4, and 6-7 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barrett et al. in view of Ziert, and claims 8-9 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Barrett et al. in view of Ziert, and further in view of Garcia-Rubio. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

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